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1. RE DRAFT OUTLINE FOR PROPOSED SEMINAR, PETREQUIN HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS:
A. REFERENCE TO "POLICY MAKERS" IN PARA 1 IMPLIES THAT POSSIBLE POLICY FORMULATION OR REFORMULATION MIGHT RESULT FROM THIS EXERCISE. THIS IS NOT REALISTIC.
B. DO NOT CONCUR WITH EMPHASIS ON INNER ISLANDS IN PARA 1 WHICH WOULD DISTORT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVITY OF DISUCSSIONS. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION MUST BE TREATED IN A NATIONWIDE CONTEXT.

C. IN PARA 3 REFERENCE TO "CROSS DISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION OF POLICY ALTERNATIVES" IMPLIES THAT THERE WILL BE RATHER PROFOUND AND CLEAR-CUT RECOMMENDATIONS EMANATING FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS WHICH IS NOT A REALISTIC EXPECTATION.
D. ON PAGE 2 (E), DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IS MEANT BY THE "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLE" OF PL 480, OR PL 480 BEING PUT UNDER "PRICING POLICIES".
E. ON PAGE 3, SECTION III THE INNER/OUTER ISLAND ISSUE IS
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PRESENTED AS AN EITHER/OR PROPOSITION. AS WE KNOW, THE GOI'S THIRD FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE SIMULTANEOUS DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH AREAS WITH RESOURCES ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THE RESPECTIVE DEGREE EACH WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN RESOLVING INDONESIA'S FOOD DEFICITS WITHIN THE NEXT DECADE.

2. ONCE AGAIN I WOULD QUESTION THE USEFULNESS OF HOLDING SUCH A

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SEMINAR UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEARER FOCUS ON THE STRATEGY AND PRIORITIES CONTAINED IN REPELITA III, AN INITIAL DRAFT OF WHICH COULD SERVE AS A FRAME OF REFERENCE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. THE PROPOSED LINEUP OF PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO MAKE THIS AN EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING. SINCE MOST OF THOSE LISTED UNDER PART I ACADEMIC/FOUNDATIONS ARE PRETTY MUCH AWARE OF EACH OTHER'S POINTS OF VIEW, WHO IS THE INTENDED AUDIENCE?
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